

## Free Money for Career and Technical Training or College for Current or Former Foster Youth APPLICATION FOR 2006-07

**New Chafee Grant student?** Fill out and mail or fax this application to the California Student Aid Commission.  
**Renewal Chafee Grant student?** *Don't fill out this application. The Commission will contact you if you are eligible for renewal. Just call the Commission for more information.*

### PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CAREFULLY

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	*SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER - -
ADDRESS (Include Apt #)		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> DECLINE TO STATE	TELEPHONE NUMBER HOME ( ) WORK/CELL ( )		EMAIL ADDRESS	BIRTHDATE ____/____/____
CALIFORNIA COUNTY WHERE YOU WERE IN FOSTER CARE (BETWEEN YOUR 16TH AND 18TH BIRTHDATES)			YOUR AREA OF STUDY OR MAJOR	
FULL NAME OF COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR 2006-07 (Please, no high school name)			CITY	STATE
<b>YOUR DEGREE GOAL</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate or Diploma (for Occup. or Tech. or Educ. program of at least two years) <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Degree (Occup. or Tech.) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Bachelor's Degree <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Bachelor's Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate or Diploma (for Occup. or Tech. or Educ. program of less than two years) <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Degree (Gen. Ed. or transfer) <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Credential Program <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate or Professional Degree				
<b>COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL LEVEL FOR 2006-07 (Check only one)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> FRESHMAN (FEWER THAN 30 UNITS) <input type="checkbox"/> SOPHOMORE <input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR <input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____			<b>HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE 2006-07 FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (The 2006-07 FAFSA must be completed prior to receiving any Chafee Grant funds. The FAFSA can be filed online at <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a> )	
<b>ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN EMANCIPATED FOSTER YOUTH STIPEND OR ILP** FUNDS?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO ** Independent Living Program				
<b>HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA CHAFEE GRANT PROGRAM?</b> ____ ILP (County or College) ____ California Student Aid Commission ____ Mail ____ School financial aid officer or school counselor ____ One-Stop Career Center ____ Other _____ ____ Social Worker/Probation Officer				

### The fine print-

I declare under penalty of the laws of the State of California and of the United States that this form has been examined by me and to the best of my knowledge and belief is true, correct and complete.

I authorize the Commission to receive and to release my student records, information regarding this application, including confidential information, and other information I have provided concerning my application with institutions and appropriate public and private agencies.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\*Undocumented students are eligible for a Chafee Grant. Please contact the Commission for more details at 1-888-224-7268.

## ***Here are some questions and answers on the Chafee Grant Program- for current and former foster youth.***

### **What is a California Chafee Grant?**

The California Chafee Grant Program gives money to current or former foster youth to use for career and technical training or college courses.

### **How do I qualify?**

To qualify, you must:

- ◆ be eligible, or have been eligible, for foster care between your 16th and 18th birthday,
- ◆ not have reached your 22nd birthday as of July 1, of the award year

### **What do I need to apply?**

You must be enrolled in:

- ◆ an eligible career or technical school or college
- ◆ a course of study at least half time
- ◆ a course of study that is at least one year long
- ◆ *and* you must maintain satisfactory academic progress

### **How do I apply?**

File two forms:

- ◆ *Free Application for Federal Student Aid*, or FAFSA. File online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or get a paper form from your school. (Undocumented students may contact the Commission for further instructions.)
- ◆ *California Chafee Grant Program Application*, Submit a paper copy or an online application to the Commission.

### **Can I apply online?**

Yes, log on to the Commission's Chafee Grant Program Web site at [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov). There, you can fill out the online application and submit it electronically.

### **What happens after I apply?**

- ◆ The Commission will review your award year FAFSA and Chafee Grant Application.
- ◆ The California Department of Social Services will verify your Independent Living Program (ILP) status.
- ◆ Your school financial aid office will determine your financial aid eligibility.
- ◆ Once all of the above is completed, the Commission will send you a letter notifying you of your award status.

### **How will I get the grant?**

Your grant will be sent to the career or technical school or college where you are enrolled. Talk to your school's financial aid office about how the school will distribute the grant.

### **Can others help me learn about Chafee Grants?**

Yes, for more information, contact your:

- ◆ college counselor
- ◆ college financial aid office
- ◆ county/collegeILP Coordinator
- ◆ One-Stop Career Centers
- ◆ social worker/probation officer
- ◆ [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov)

### **How can I contact the Commission?**

If you have questions regarding the California Chafee Grant Program:



**Visit** the Commission's Chafee Grant Web site at: [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov).



**Email** your questions to the Commission at: [studentsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:studentsupport@csac.ca.gov).  
(In the email subject line enter: Attn: Chafee)



**Call** the Commission at:  
1-888-224-7268 Monday through Friday from  
8:00 a.m. to 4:55 p.m.



**Write** the Commission, *or mail your application to:*

California Student Aid Commission  
Specialized Programs  
Attn: California Chafee Grant Program  
P.O. Box 419029  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95741-9029



**If you are filling out the paper California Chafee Grant Application, be sure to mail it to the Commission's address above, or fax it to (916) 526-7977.**

